

The Leesburg Tree Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room, 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. Members present were: J. Groothuis, E. Hower, R. Peterson, A. Wall and J. Hicks. Absent was: W. Wolf and K. Pritchard. Jay Banks represented staff

MINUTES

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2001 with minor changes.

Motion: Hicks
Second: Hower
Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Garden Show – Chairman Groothuis stated that the Garden Show went well.

Arbor Day – Commissioner Peterson stated that it was a good day and Chairman Groothuis stated that there was a good-sized crowd. There were a couple of demonstrations that went on during the day.

Commissioner Hicks talked about possibly having a “traveling show” next year or possibly if the courtyard is complete the Arbor Day celebration can be part of the Flower and Garden show.

Commissioner Peterson requested an update from Mr. Banks on the budget for the Commission. Mr. Banks stated that he has not received any bills from the Arbor Day Committee at this point so that commitment of \$1,500.00 is still outstanding. Other than that it is unchanged from what was presented at last months meeting other than the decline for payment of salaries.

Mr. Banks also stated that the Purchasing Agent has requested that all FY 01 funds be authorized and received by her by noon on June 7, 2001.

Commissioner Hower stated that his Boy Scout troop is looking to replant Ida Lee Riparian buffer to add one-inch caliper material. Mr. Banks stated that the standard landscape material is two inches and above. Commissioner Hower stated that the troop is looking at replacing approximately 600 trees.

Chairman Groothuis stated that he believes the greatest problem is trying to find a source. Mr. Banks stated that at this time he does not have a source or a figure for the cost.

Mr. Banks stated that there was also discussion after the Flower and Garden Show that the Commission needed to restock the brochures and he believes that would be approximately \$200.00.

Commissioner Hower stated that he would like to encumber the funds to have the Boy Scouts plan trees at Ida Lee. Mr. Banks stated that the Commission needs to work through the issues of planting, delivering and maintenance.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize staff to encumber up to \$200.00 to replenish the brochures.

Motion: Hicks
Second: Peterson
Carried: 5-0

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to proceed with encumbering the remainder of the budget for the planting of trees at Ida Lee in the fall.

Motion: Peterson
Second:
Carried: 5-0

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Wall stated that she was glad to hear that the Flower and Garden Show went well.

Commissioner Hower stated that over the weekend he helped 75 Boy Scouts plan 2,500 trees at the Isaac Walton property. He also stated that he would not be available for the June 9th Parks and Recreation meeting.

Commissioner Hicks stated that he attended the EAC meeting on May 16th. He stated that the organization continues to show renewed vigor. He stated that the EAC is trying to get different organizations to sign up for the Loudoun Stream Quality Project.

Commissioner Hicks stated that there would be a meeting on May 23rd for interested participants in stream maintenance.

Commissioner Hicks stated that he hopes that this Commission can come up with some new projects through the summer to keep this a thriving Commission.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he was impressed by the people who put together the Flower and Garden show.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he belongs to three Homeowners Associations in the Town and he believes that they worry about the grass getting cut but not about the trees. He would like to have the Commission think about how they can influence the Homeowners Association to be more active in preserving the trees on the property.

Commissioner Hower suggested doing a letter to the presidents of the HOA's and include some of the brochures and information that the Town has available.

Commissioner Hicks suggested organizing a day for HOA members. He suggested having staff be present to answer any questions.

Chairman Groothuis stated that he attended the opening of the Balch Library he stated that the plantings around the Library looked very nice and there was a very good crowd of people.

There being no further business, the Tree Commission adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jay Banks, Town Arborist